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1. Applicant's election of apparatus claims 12-19 and the species of Figs. 1a, 1b, 1c, 2 and 3 in the Response filed 19 July 2005 is acknowledged. However, the Response filed 19 July 2005 is non-responsive since claim 12, lines 7-9 (as presented in the 20 June 2005 amendment), recites a "cover shaped as a **caricature figure** reversibly attachable to the handle of the brush" (emphasis added) which does not read on the elected species of Figs. 1a, 1b, 1c, 2 and 3. However, it does appear that claim 12 would read on **non-elected Figs. 6 and 6a** since the specification at p. 11, lines 8-10, recites "Figure 6 shows a cover (1f) in the form of a star-shaped caricature figure which can be reversibly attached to the handle of a brush." For the elected species of Figs. 1a, 1b, 1c, 2 and 3, the specification at p. 9, lines 13-15 merely recites "Figure 1 discloses an upper shroud (1a) and a lower shroud (1b) which are reversibly attachable to a handle (2) of an electric toothbrush." No mention is ever made for any caricature figure for the elected species of Figs. 1a, 1b, 1c, 2 and 3.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to Randall Chin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1270. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday and every other Friday.

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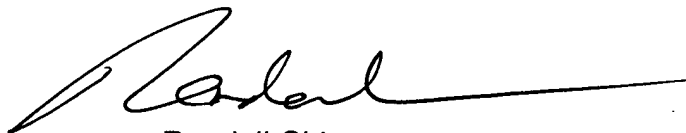
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